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Girls lacrosse: Samohi blossoming in program's second year



Courtesy Photo

TEAM PHOTO: The new lacrosse team at Samohi has had a strong start.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI It was a defining moment for the Santa Monica girls lacrosse team.

The Vikings were facing Culver City in league action earlier this month and trailed by two goals at halftime, a significant deficit in a tightly contested game.

What transpired after the break will likely go down in program history as a major turning point, Samohi forcing a tie before stealing a thrilling 8-7 victory on a goal by New Zealand native Luka Letica with seconds to spare.

"Fun and intense" was how coach Laura Cavallo described the triumph. It took grit, poise, even panache — not necessarily things you'd expect from a batch of players who had never picked up lacrosse sticks before last year.

"It just shows their discipline and coachability," Cavallo said. "The things we were doing well, we accentuated. The things that we weren't doing well, we made adjustments. We pulled together and pulled through."

Two seasons ago, it couldn't have happened — there was no girls lacrosse program at the high school.

Last year, it probably wouldn't have happened — the fledgling team of inexperienced players struggled to win games as it focused its energy on learning the fundamentals of the sport.

But the efforts of Cavallo and others have hastened the transformation of a collection of rookies into a potential playoff bunch.

It all started about two years ago as parents and other community members gained approval to start Vikings lacrosse teams for boys and girls.

Cavallo, a former collegiate star who still holds several Cal records, was working with youth players in West Los Angeles when she heard about the opportunity to coach at Samohi. She accepted the position despite the challenges of fundraising for a program that receives little financial support from the district.

Under Cavallo and then-assistant Cheyenne Cockrell, the Vikings laid the groundwork for the future in their inaugural 2014 campaign.

"I had never coached before in this capacity," Cavallo said. "When you go from being a successful player to coaching the basic skills

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Council cracks down on full-unit rentals, legalizes home-shares

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials will soon begin cracking down on most vacation listings that are available for rent on sites like Airbnb and VRBO.

On Tuesday night, City Council unanimously approved an ordinance that reiterates the fact that vacation rentals are already illegal in the city. As a result, council members agreed to hire three new staff members to enforce that law.

Additionally, they agreed to allow home-sharing: The rental of a space for less than 30 days while at least one of the primary residents lives on-site throughout the stay.

These home-sharers would have

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Rob Schwenker editor@smdp.com

PROTESTERS: Unions, SMRR and landlords organized a protest at City Hall to criticize short term rental companies.

BBB fare hike, increased service moves forward

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Big Blue Bus pitch to expand service and increase fares in anticipation of the incoming Expo Light Rail got largely positive feedback from council Tuesday night.

City Council agreed unanimously to move forward with the proposed changes, which will be up for a final vote likely next month.

Several members of the public, and ultimately members of council, recommended that BBB reconsider its decision to ratchet back Route 10 service on the weekends. Route 10 runs from Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Santa Monica.

Much of BBB's plan involves beefing up north to south service and cutting back on redundant east to west service. Expo will run east to west along Colorado Avenue. These new north to south BBB routes will help connect riders

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, April 30

Skirball Cultural Center: Keren Ann

Attend a mesmerizing performance by French singer-songwriter, composer and producer Keren Ann, described as "a Norah Jones for Velvet Underground fans" by the Guardian. The innovative singer and her band will play tracks from her highly anticipated upcoming solo album. 8 - 10 p.m. Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. $20 - $35. http://www.skirball.org.

Movie: Whiplash

19-year-old jazz drummer Andrew Neiman is determined to rise to the top of the country's most elite music conservatory, even if it means alienating his fellow students, his friends, and his family. (107 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Homework Help

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 p.m.

Movie Screening & Discussion: 84 Charing Cross Road

When a struggling writer and passionate bibliophile (Anne Brancroft) answers an advertisement from a rare-volumes bookshop in London, she begins a very special correspondence and friendship with the bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). Screening and discussion led by Viviam Rosenberg. (Film runtime: 100 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 4 p.m.

Spring Green Expo

The 8th annual Spring Green Expo, hosted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, next to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles, is a unique one-day educational event offering the opportunity to learn what steps you can take to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle. 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Diavolo Dance: On Tour in Santa Monica

A local favorite and worldwide wonder, Diavolo returns to The Broad Stage for a weekend of gravity-defying performance that will stir audiences into a frenzy of excitement. Combining lyrical movement with risk-taking athleticism and large architectural objects, Artistic Director Jacques Heim re-imagines dance with a striking visuality. Set to Philip Glass' Symphony No. 3, Heim's latest creation, "Fluid Infinities", includes 10 performers around an otherworldly orb. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. $47 - $85. http://www.diavolo.org.

Spring $100 Art Sale

haleARTSSPACE will hold its opening reception for its spring art sale from 5 - 8 p.m. Free and open to the public, 2443 Main Street.

Saturday, May 2

Screening and Discussion of The Homestretch

Two to three thousand homeless children walk the streets of Chicago every night. The Homestretch follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate, and build a future. The film exposes larger policy issues of juvenile justice, immigration, foster care, and LGBTQIA rights. Tickets are available online at http://hrwhomestretch.bpt.me. Student tickets are $15 and general tickets are $25. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater and New Roads School

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

SMC offers free college classes to high school students

Santa Monica College is offering all California high school students free college classes this summer. SMC is waiving the enrollment fee (currently $46 per unit) for students now attending Grades 8 through 11, and for certain students in Grade 12.

Students who qualify can register for up to two classes and earn up to 6 units of college credit. SMC is offering more than 800 classes this summer, with daytime and evening courses offered on-campus and online.

The SMC Board of Trustees voted recently to exempt qualifying high school students from paying enrollment fees, in order to promote a college-going culture. Waiving enrollment fees gives more students access to educational programs and opportunities, and the chance to earn college credit while still in high school.

To attend SMC, students must first receive permission from their counselor, school principal, and a parent or guardian. Then, they must apply for admission to Santa Monica College. Students currently in Grade 8 or planning to enroll in an SMC class with a prerequisite must also undergo an assessment process.

The fee exemption is offered to students who will enter Grades 9-12 in summer or fall 2015. Students who have finished high school are not eligible for the fee exemption.

Santa Monica College has held a record for 24 straight years as California's No. 1 community college in transferring students to the University of California, and also leads in transfers to Loyola Marymount University and the University of Southern California.

Go to www.smc.edu/hsce or talk to a school counselor for more information, or call the SMC Admissions office at (310) 434-4447.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Citywide

Santa Monica's 2015 Commuter Challenge Kicks of Bike Month

Santa Monica employers can now participate in the first modal competition of Santa Monica's 2015 Commuter Challenge-Bike Month.

Individuals can participate in the Bike Month Challenge by visiting www.commuteSM.com, and registering with their employer network. Santa Monica residents employed outside of the city can join the SM Residents Employed Outside of City network.

From May 1 to May 31, thousands of Santa Monica commuters will keep track of their commute trips through CommuteSM.com to compete in the challenge, on team and individual levels. With every logged trip, participants automatically enter weekly drawings for prizes-Sweet Rose Creamery goodies for teams, and Caffe Luxxe gift cards for individuals.

At the end of the month, eight individuals will be recognized for the highest CO2 savings and participation rates, and awarded Laemmle Premiere Cards, dinner for two at Bandera, tickets to McCabe's Guitar Back Room Show, or lunch at Lemonade. Teams with the highest CO2 savings and participation rates will win tickets to a Magicopolis show, a group lunch at Bay Cities Deli, or certificates to three training sessions at Dethrone Basecamp. Participating companies will also be recognized for the highest rates of employee participation and CO2 savings.

For more information on the Commuter Challenge, visit www.commuteSM.com.

The Commuter Challenge ties into National Bike Month, which was established in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists as a coast-to-coast showcase of the many benefits of bicycling — and a push for more folks to try cycling.

- SUBMITTED BY MA'AYAN DEMBO

City Hall

City Council Announces Municipal Clerks Week

A Proclamation, issued by the Santa Monica City Council, on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 declared that the week of May 3 - 9, is designated as "Municipal Clerks Week." The Proclamation was presented to City Clerk, Sarah P. Gorman, CMC, and signed by Mayor Kevin McKeown. It extends appreciation to the Santa Monica City Clerk's Department and all Municipal and Deputy Clerks for "serving as the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels."

"There are many responsibilities of the City and Deputy Clerk that the public takes for granted, such as keeping the Council advised of legislation that affects them. Yet, if Clerks are inattentive in their duties, then the efficient operation of our local government is greatly affected," said Gorman.

The mission of the Santa Monica City Clerk is to: serve the City as the Election Official, Political Reform Filing Officer and Custodian of the City Seal; facilitate the democratic process for voters and candidates by conducting City elections per election laws; administer the Oath of Office and provide support to the City Council, and record all Council proceedings; manage the City's records and respond to public inquiries for information per the Public Records Act; and provide efficient and timely mail and printing services to City Departments. The office also: distributes Council meeting agendas and packets per the Brown Act; posts agendas for the City's Boards/Commission and maintains the Appointments List per the Maddy Act; maintains the City Charter, Municipal Code, and Domestic Partnership Registry; is the agent authorized to accept service for legal documents; attests to contracts executed by the City Manager; and processes United States Passport applications per Department of State regulations.

The Santa Monica City Clerk's Office has 13 staff members with decades of experience and service to the City. Gorman has served as Santa Monica City Clerk, since September 2012, and has been a member of The International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the City Clerks Association of California since 2010. Sarah is also a member of the State Bar of California, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the National Notary Association.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN

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Incognito 2015

SMMoA's legendary INCOGNITO benefit art sale returns for its eleventh year. Bringing together a breathtaking array of 700 artworks donated by local, national, and international artists ranging from emerging to acclaimed, INCOGNITO is a rare celebration of access, diversity, and discovery in contemporary art. All proceeds support the Museum's free exhibitions and programming. Santa Monica Museum of Art, 2525 Michigan Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Documentary Movie Screening "The Age of Love"

"The Age of Love" offers a fresh perspective on senior dating as it follows the adventures of thirty 70- to 90_ year-olds who sign up for a unique speed dating event. Fearlessly candid about themselves and what they're seeking, these WWII babies soon discover how the search for love changes-or doesn't change-from first love to the far reaches of life. The film shatters stereotypes in a world where four generations now live side-by-side, giving voice to a largely invisible yet booming older demographic. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Discussion Title: "Benediction" by Kent Haruf. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m.

Wanderlust 108

A mindful triathlon with 5K race, meditation, yoga class. Also local craft vendors, healthy food, retro yard games, live music. For more information visit www.wanderlust.com/yogafestivals. Santa Monica Pier, 9 a.m.

Great Strides Santa Monica

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 5K Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser. For more information call (323) 939-0758 or visit www.cff.org/greatstrides. Crescent Bay Park, 2000 Ocean Ave., 9 a.m.

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Culture Watch

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Dancing, Singing, Movies and More

STARTING TONIGHT THROUGH MAY 5, HISTORIC and iconic venues around L.A., including Santa Monica's Aero Theatre, will play host to Dance Camera West's 14th Annual Dance Media Festival.

The Crest Theatre in Westwood, the Downtown Palace Theatre and Hollywood's Egyptian Theatre are a few of the classic cinemas that will screen films and hold Dance-A-Longs and live performances, all to celebrate the art of dance on film.

Festival highlights include the West coast premiere of "Dancing is Living: Benjamin Millepied" and a Q&A with the filmmaker Louis Wallecan and LA Dance Project's James Fayette; a program of Israeli dance films; films by winners of the CalArts Emerging Artists Competition; a celebration of Technicolor's 100th Anniversary with the screening of the 1947 film "The Unfinished Dance," starring Margaret O'Brien and Cyd Charisse and a Q&A with Technicolor's Robert Hoffman; plus the West coast premiere of "Dancing for my Havana" at the Egyptian.

Founded in 1940 by aircraft pioneer Donald Douglas, the Aero Theatre has the distinction of being the longest-running single-screen theater in the community. On May 2, enjoy "I Hate Dancing" by choreographer and filmmaker Jo Roy, and "American Cheerleader," a documentary that follows the National High School Cheerleading Championship competition, both at the Aero.

Tickets, times and event details can be found at www.DanceCameraWest.org.

WESTSIDE BALLET

Westside Ballet of Santa Monica, an organization that gives young dancers pre-professional training and presents showcase performances offering them the opportunity to shine, holds its 2015 Spring Performance at The Broad Stage on Saturday, May 9.

Among offerings on the program are David Lichine's comedic one-act ballet, "Graduation Ball," commemorating its 75th anniversary; "Spring Waters", a pas-de-deux performed by visiting guest artist, and Westside Ballet graduate Lyrica Blankfein with resident guest artist Evan Swenson. Other works include excerpts from New York City Ballet founding choreographer George Balanchine's "Who Cares" with music by George Gershwin, as well as his Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux to the music of Swan Lake, and Westside Ballet member Michele Bachar's newly choreographed take on the movie musical "Hairspray."

Westside Ballet's youngest dancers take the stage in Associate Artistic Director Caprice Walker's charming ballet, Capriccioso, with music by Fauré and costumes inspired by Degas' dancers. For more information, visit www.westsideballet.com

SAMOHI "BIG VOICE" FUNDRAISER

A feature documentary musical film, "Big Voice" chronicles a year in the life of Santa Monica High School choir teacher Jeffe Huls, who pushes his most advanced students to become "one big voice."

Inspired by a Samohi Winter Concert, filmmaker Varda Bar-Kar says she realized that making a film about Huls and his students was an opportunity to demonstrate how a dedicated teacher can make a profound impact on students' lives, and how important arts funding is to that goal. The film itself was crowd funded in 2011 by way of Kickstarter.

Huls' passion for the choral arts and music literacy fuels his desire to exceed all standards and expectations. The results are hard won, yet exquisite. Following a series of competitive auditions, Huls compiles his dream ensemble - the most ideal combination of voices he's ever had. He soon discovers that these thirty-two talented teenagers are also the most unwieldy group he has ever taught. Huls must convince his students to set aside their egos, conflicting styles, and teenage angst to achieve the artistry he knows they are capable of. "Big Voice" is a story brimming with musical performances as it interweaves slices of life, interviews, and multi-camera coverage of masterwork performances to engage and entertain.

Following a successful sneak peek at the Palm Springs Film Festival, this screening of "Big Voice" will take place on May 7 at Samohi's historic Barnum Hall where the choir regularly performs, followed by a Q&A with film director Bar-Kar and Choir Director Huls. Funds raised will go toward completion of the film.

Watch the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkhdUU-a1II; and to donate and attend, visit https://bigvoicemovie.wordpress.com.

THE FARM AS ART

Travel with me down the coast to Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach for an evening of conversation as part of the Aquarium's Future of Food series on May 7.

Los Angeles Times Food Columnist Russ Parsons speaks with award-winning writer and organic farmer, David "Mas" Masumoto, author of seven books, including Four Seasons in Five Senses, Epitaph for a Peach, and Wisdom of the Last Farmer. I loved Epitaph for a Peach; his writing is nothing short of poetic.

A third generation farmer, Masumoto grows peaches, nectarines, grapes and raisins on an organic 80-acre farm south of Fresno. He is a columnist for The Fresno Bee and a contributor to the Sacramento Bee. His writing awards include the Commonwealth Club Silver medal, Julia Child Cookbook award, and James Clavell Literacy Award. He was also a finalist in the prestigious James Beard Foundation awards.

They'll be discussing organic farming, how writing plays into Masumoto's work and how the farming influences the writing. Doors open at 6:30 to allow attendees to visit Aquarium exhibits, and the conversation begins at 7 p.m. For tickets and information about parking as well as future events, call (562) 590-3100 or visit www.aquariumofpacific.org/aquariumspeakers.

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Tales From Hi De Ho Comics

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FREE: Comic book fans will celebrate a day of free reading on May 2.

Free Comic Book Day - what does 56,000 comics cost?

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FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!!!

Free Comic Book Day is celebrated the first Saturday in May (May 2, 2015). And since its inception, it has been an amazing nation-wide celebration of comics as both art and education. On the first Saturday in May you can walk into any comic book store (especially HiDeHo Comics at 1431 Lincoln Blvd and Geoffrey's Comics at 15900 Crenshaw Blvd) and get free comics. No purchase necessary. No previous reading required.

Free Comic Book Day was started because a retailer, Joe Field, thought it would be great to take advantage of all the big Hollywood movies starring super-heroes. The comic community, and most importantly, the publishers loved the idea. And thus, in 2002 comic stores celebrated FCBD along with the release of Spider-Man.

Organizing a Free Comic Event is scary and exciting all at the same time. Imagine trying to plan a wedding for 800 people, each of which wants a completely different meal, with no RSVPs. Due to the success of FCBD, more and more comic publishers wanted to get in on the action, and we were dealing with almost 70 titles available for FCBD. We, as retailers do pay for those books and are bound by contract to give those comics away for Free Comic Book Day. It is very hard to predict which of those 70 titles is going to be requested more by the customers. We always lean heavily on the free offerings from Marvel and DC, because those are no brainers. We order moderate amounts of the other titles. All told we order enough comics for 800 people to get five comics each for free. And we almost always run out, and the last few stragglers get the excess comics from our warehouse. The point being that no matter how many people come — we've got free comics for them.

Geoffrey's Comics and HiDeHo Comics are the two oldest comic stores in Southern California. We've been running Free Comic Day at both locations since the beginning. That's 14 individual events, with both stores averaging 800 guests per day and at least five free comics — we've given away at least 56,000 comics, this being a conservative estimate.

The businessmen out there might ask - how do you make money giving away 56,000 comics for free? Well, we don't. Free Comic Book Day is more a marketing day for us. We want to put our best foot forward. This is a grand ball in a celebration of the art form we love so much. And seeing customers (especially new customers and young customers) get excited over a new comic — there is no greater feeling as a businessman to see what you enjoy selling giving true joy to a little kid or anyone that yearns for action and adventure in the greatest genre known to man or alien!

The highlights for this year's Free Comic Book Day are SECRET WARS #0 from Marvel — an all out brawl between all of your favorite characters from a thousand alternate dimensions! And DC is releasing DC COMICS DIVERGENCE - nin which we are introduced to the new character taking up the mantle of Batman, and the great DARKSEID WAR begins!

To learn more about all things comic books, visit Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., in Santa Monica.

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Legislation by Assemblymember bloom advancing

Two bills by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) are advancing through the legislative process.

AB 888, authored by Bloom, would set up the strongest protections in the country against the use of mirco-plastic particle abrasives, commonly referred to as "microbeads."

The beads are used in products such as facial scrubs, soaps, and toothpaste. They have emerged as a pervasive form of pollution in waterways and marine environments. Most microbeads are not biodegradable and absorb various toxins such as DDT, PCBs (flame retardents), and other industrial chemicals and are ingested or absorbed by a variety of marine life and other mammals. Because fish ingest these particles and absorb the toxins in their flesh, many in the scientific community also worry about the impacts on the fish, crabs, and shellfish that humans eat.

The bill passed the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee recently.

"Toxic microbeads are accumulating in our rivers, lakes and oceans at alarmingly high levels. We can and must act now," said Bloom. "Continuing to use these harmful and unnecessary plastics when natural alternatives are widely available is simply irresponsible and will only result in significant cleanups costs to taxpayers who will have to foot the bill to restore our already limited water resources and ocean health."

A second bill that seeks to clarify existing law and eliminate a falsely perceived barrier to allowing the recycling of biosynthetic motor oils, a biodegradable and nontoxic alternative to traditional motor oil passed its first legislative hurdle recently. The bill, AB 628, passed the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on a 6-1 vote.

"The market for recycled biosynthetic oil, a much cleaner alternative to tradition motor oil, has been severely restricted by a misinterpretation of the law," said Bloom. "By making this seemingly simple clarification to existing law, we will take a major step in reducing our reliance on foreign oil and accelerating our transition away from dirtier fossil fuels."

Many companies have spent years developing bio-based, biosynthetic motor oils for use in automobiles. Independent testing not only shows biosynthetic motor oils to be among the highest rated products for protecting engines and machinery, they also are bio-based, biodegradable, nontoxic, and do not bio-accumulate in marine organisms.

State law is clear that bio-based oils are to be managed like any other used oil. However, some sectors of the industry have misinterpreted federal regulations to preclude the management of these bio-based oils as "used oils." Federal law defining used oil was adopted in 1997, many years before the development of the bio-based fuels. However, the EPA recently stated that bio-based oils can be regulated as used oil because mixture of used bio-based oils still fits within the existing used oil definition. Nevertheless, many used oil recyclers remain uncertain and this has created a barrier to allowing this new technology into the market for purposes of recycling.

"Used motor oil is the largest source of hazardous waste in the state, and all potential solutions including environmentally acceptable lubricants, as well as recycling, need to be encouraged. AB 628 seeks to remove any perceived barriers to this goal," added Bloom.

AB 628 must now pass a vote of the full Assembly before going to the Senate for further consideration.

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LACROSSE

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and techniques, it uses a different part of the brain that you're not used to using. It has been a bit challenging, but I've learned every step of the way. I hope I'm a better coach today than I was yesterday. The girls make my job enjoyable. It's the best part of my day, going out of the field and helping them learn and teaching lifelong skills they can use later on in life."

Cavallo and current assistant Samantha Slama, a UCLA alumna, have seen major progress on the field this season.

After losing 6-5 to El Segundo in its season opener and falling to Downey four days later, Samohi (8-2) logged several convincing victories. It defeated Los Angeles-Marlborough 8-1, dusted Woodland Hills-Louisville Catholic 13-3 and dominated Los Angeles-Hamilton 14-4 before topping rival Beverly Hills 12-5 on April 15. The comeback against Culver City came two days later.

The Vikings, who currently have 20 players on their roster, hope to add a junior varsity team next year. But when they host Beverly Hills in their regular-season finale May 1, they will have already come a long way.

"We've got a much more dedicated team," Cavallo said. "They know how much time they need to commit. ... When you're passionate about it, you put in 110 percent to get better."

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Short term rentals provide benefits

(Editor's Note) This letter was submitted to the City Council as part of the debate over regulating short term rentals

THE SHORT TERM RENTAL ADVOCACY Center (STRAC), a coalition made up of short-term rental companies, owners/hosts and others who support short-term rentals, writes today to urge the Santa Monica City Council to reconsider the proposed ordinance to govern short-term rentals within the city.

Short-term rental technology companies have created a vibrant marketplace for travelers and property owners, expanding the travel landscape by offering alternative accommodations and providing economic benefits to communities around the world. We believe the Santa Monica City Council should more broadly consider public policy that would formalize and legalize all short-term rentals in the city, allowing both travelers and residents the ability to benefit from the fantastic travel and economic opportunities that short-term rentals provide.

STRAC supports formal regulations that legalize short-term rentals, and in addition believes that owners, property managers or hosts should be required to register their property with the city and pay the applicable local taxes. However, regulations and requirements for registration and taxation must be reasonable, affordable and easy to comply with, so that those interested in renting their property can easily understand and comply with the regulations. Expensive, onerous and complicated registration and taxation schemes, including those that differentiate between the types of short-term rental properties permitted, will only be a deterrent to compliance. Making the process easy and reasonable will result in greater accountability and compliance by owners/operators and hosts, leading to greater benefits for both travelers and residents.

At the heart of successful short-term rental regulation is an equal playing field that does not discriminate between the renting of a primary residence or owner-occupied/hosted residence and a secondary residence. It is imperative that cities adopt sensible regulations that apply to all short-term rentals equally, so that travelers, owners, hosts and property managers, the city and the surrounding communities can all benefit from the great economic opportunity that short term rentals offer. Subsequently, travelers seeking alternative accommodations to the traditional hotel model should see Santa Monica as a viable travel destination that is willing to offer travelers and their families, choices when it comes to accommodations.

To date the Santa Monica community has been, and continues to derive a very real economic benefit from the presence of short-term rentals and the travelers who occupy them. Quite simply, it is the difference between living like a local or just visiting. Travelers rely on short-term rentals for various reasons, including the need to accommodate larger families that would otherwise require multiple hotel rooms, travelers with special needs or special needs children, or simply a desire for more lengthy affordable stays. Regardless of the reason travelers chose short-term rentals, numerous studies have shown that those in short-term rentals stay longer and spend more money during their travel versus hotel stays. Municipalities should embrace this opportunity rather than stifle it.

We encourage the Santa Monica City Council to work toward developing sensible short-term rental regulations that can be easily complied with by renters and operators. If regulations are enacted in this regard, the city and surrounding communities have much to gain. Should Santa Monica fail to address short-term rentals in a reasonable and thoughtful way, or seek to enact regulations that hamper the widely recognized advantages of short-term rentals to all involved, it would represent a missed opportunity to benefit from and strengthen the travel and tourism industry of the city in the future.

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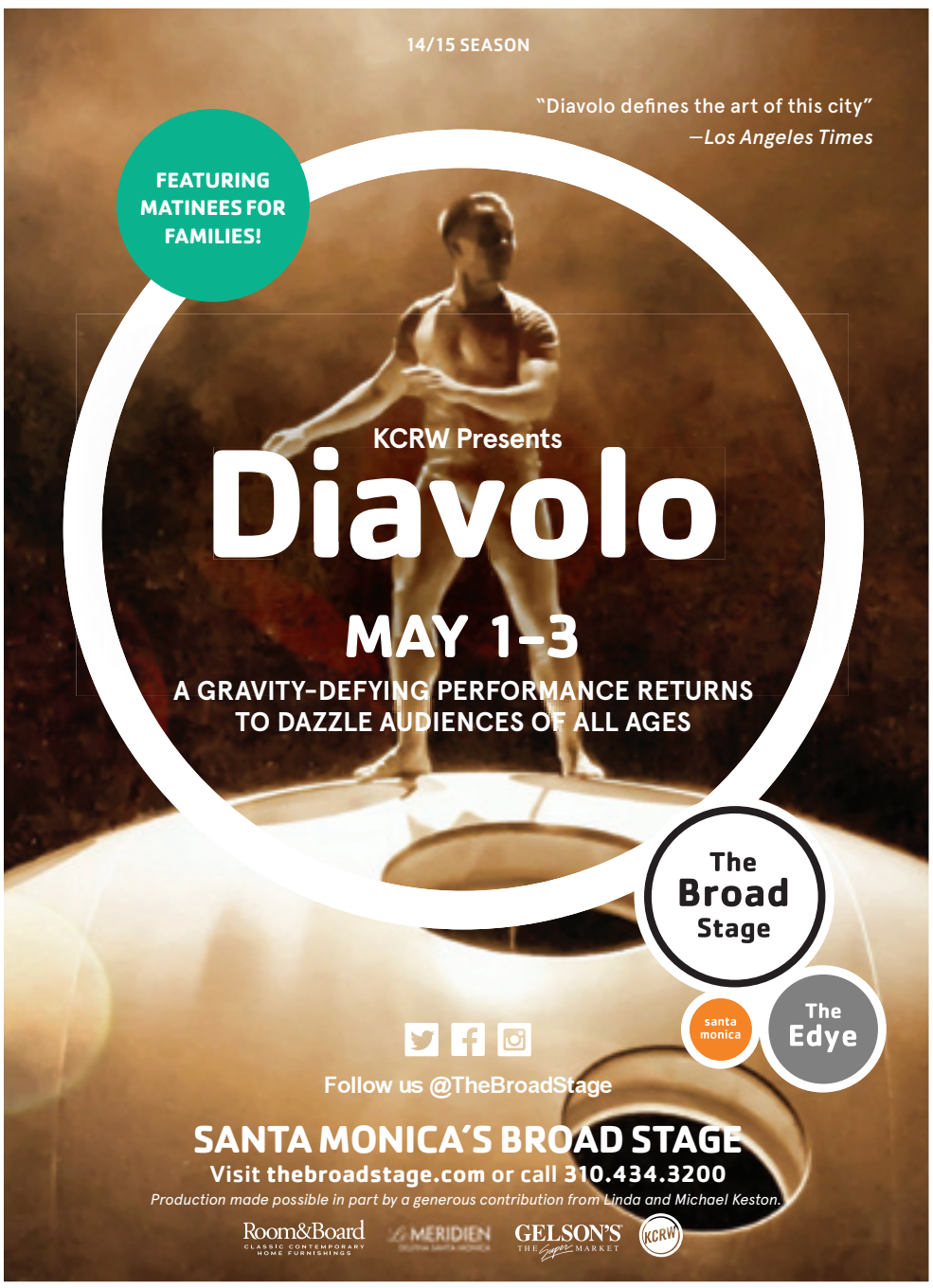
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ROUTES: Route changes and fare increases received preliminary approval recently.

BUS

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with the train, BBB officials said.

With the increased service — a proposed 11 percent increase in revenue service hours — BBB is asking for a 25 cent far hike starting in January. A normal fare, which currently costs $1, would cost $1.25.

Council members did not express any misgivings about the fare bump. Fares for seniors and people with disabilities will be unaffected by the hike.

Service changes would start in August.

The Expo Light Rail is on schedule to open next year, though numerous politicians have wondered if it may open early.

DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE

BBB is considering experimenting with an Uber-like service that would allow late-night Expo riders to call for as-needed rides.

"Understanding that while elimination of low-ridership routes and trips creates system-wide efficiency, there may be pockets of rider demand that warrant introduction of a new type of service known as demand response service," BBB officials told council in report. "Where demand for transit is light, demand response service may be able to provide a higher level of convenience at a lower cost per passenger than fixed route service."

Many BBB routes will end for the night before Expo stops running.

This service would let riders call BBB at odd times, like weekend nights, for a ride. BBB would dispatch a vehicle for that individual. The proposed fare is $3.

"An Uber trip within either the proposed North or South zone costs between $4 and $8 depending on distance, and has a minimum charge of $4," BBB officials said in a report to council. "The $3 demand response fare would be less expensive, but may take longer based on the fact that passengers may be sharing rides to and from the station with other parties."

This service would have to be subsidized at a higher rate than most bus routes. The service would likely be contracted out as a pilot program during Expo's first year, BBB officials told council.

While it requires a greater council subsidy (it's estimated that it would only recover 11.6 percent of its cost to operate) BBB officials say it would be cheaper than paying someone to drive a largely empty bus around at odd hours.

No final decisions regarding BBB were made Tuesday night.

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to register with City Hall, pay a business license and transient occupancy tax, and follow rent control laws.

City officials estimate that there are currently 1,700 short-term rentals in the city and that most are operating illegally for one reason or another. Until now, council's taken a low-priority approach to enforcement of local laws when it comes to these short-term rentals; despite such a high number of apparently illegal operations, only 10 citations were issued between July and February.

Code enforcement officials have said that the process of cracking down on the short-term rentals is trying on the already overworked enforcement department.

The three new full-time positions would cost taxpayers $410,029 next fiscal year and $266,898 in the following years.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's largest political party, teaming up with the hospitality union Unite Here Local 11, have been working toward this ordinance for months. They gathered on the steps of City Hall prior to the meeting and many members of both groups spoke in favor of the regulations during the public input portion of the meeting.

Members of the community who host on sites like Airbnb spoke in opposition to the ordinance, claiming that they need the additional income to get by in Santa Monica, where the rents are expensive.

One man told council that he has to rent out his second bedroom to afford to live in the Bay City. Mayor Kevin McKeown explained that he'd still be able to do that under the ordinance as long as he remain on-site. The speaker said he didn't want to pay the proposed taxes — a statement that drew laughs from the audience in the Council Chambers. A subsequent speaker pointed out that if he can't afford to live here, he should downgrade from a two-bedroom apartment to a one-bedroom apartment.

Councilmembers Gleam Davis and Ted Winterer noted out that these short-term rentals have never been legal in the city. Even home-sharing, which will now allow residents to operate businesses in residentially zoned neighborhood, previously fell in a legal gray area.

"It's also important to remember that it's not legal to do the short-term rentals now," Davis said. "We're not really changing that much. We're not changing something that's currently legal and making it illegal. Really what we're doing is acknowledging that we don't want it to go on but trying to actually — I think it was Councilmember Winterer who pointed it out — liberalize the rules so that people who do what is defined as home-sharing can do that."

Currently, most of the offerings on Airbnb are for full-unit rentals, meaning the host is not present. These are the rentals that council has directed city officials to crack down on.

Mayor Pro Tempore Tony Vazquez lauded the general support that the ordinance received from typically divisive groups.

"I think it was refreshing to see both - I think it's the first time I've ever seen it actually — the landlords and our SMRR folks come up and support a staff recommendation, which is telling," he said.

The ordinance will go into effect 30 days from its second reading, which should occur next month.

Councilmember Pam O'Connor asked that city officials keep in mind families who booked trips to Santa Monica prior to the ordinance's existence.

She also took issue with community members who blame the platforms.

"I think what was really sad was attacks on groups like Airbnb," she said. "Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights just starts outright attacking Airbnb. The issue is not necessarily the platform. I mean the sharing platform is here. It's coming ... It's when there's abuse in the sharing economy, that's when we need to be watching."

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As part of Dunkin' Donuts' Scoop Some Cool Coffee Cash promotion celebrating its coffees and lattes inspired by Baskin-Robbins ice cream flavors, the restaurant surprised 15 winners around the nation with $1,000. On, April 23, Los Angeles native, David Abo (27), was won a $1,000 check at Dunkin' Donuts in Santa Monica. He said that he plans to put the money toward his upcoming wedding taking place in July.

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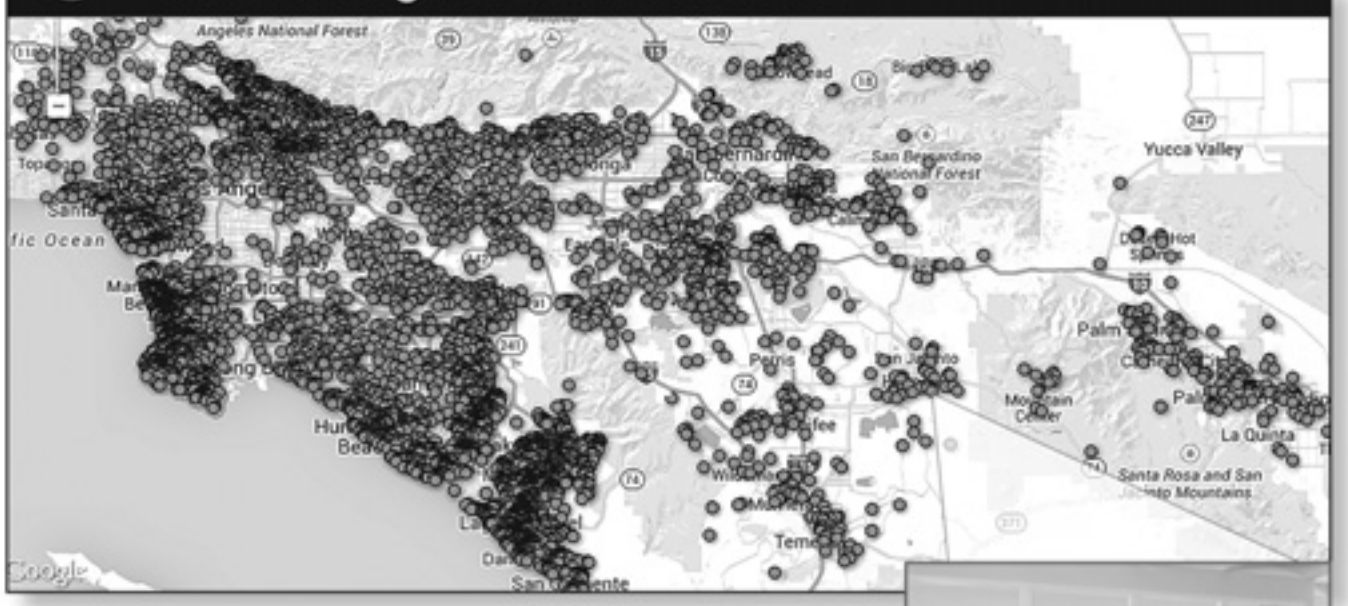
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON APRIL 17 AROUND 8:30 P.M.

Officers were flagged down by a citizen regarding a person sleeping in an elevator of the Civic Center Parking Structure located in the 300 block of Olympic. Officers found the subject, later identified at Kevin Campbell, lying in one of the elevators located in the northeast portion of the structure. Officers determined that Campbell did not have a car parked in the structure and arrested him for loitering in the parking structure, a violation of 3.36.380(a) of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. Upon his arrest, officers discovered Campbell had several outstanding warrants for his arrest, for various crimes. Campbell was arrested for the parking structure violation, as well as the outstanding warrants. Campbell's bail was set at $34,250.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 373 calls for service on April 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery 1100 block of Pico 12:52 a.m.
Fight Lincoln/Ocean Park 6:39 a.m.
Illegal weapon 4th/Wilshire 7 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 900 block of 3rd 7:15 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block of Euclid 7:34 a.m.
Hit and run 600 block of Broadway 7:52 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of 24th 8:25 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 block of Lincoln 8:54 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block of Kansas 9:13 a.m.
Traffic accident 11th/Montana 9:19 a.m.
Identity theft 900 block of 5th 9:31 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1500 block of Berkeley 9:36 a.m.
Bike theft 2700 block of Main 10 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of 30th 10:22 a.m.
Battery 2nd/Broadway 10:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of 32nd 10:42 a.m.
Grand theft 3100 block of Olympic 11:11 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Promenade 11:12 a.m.
Petty theft Euclid/Pico 11:19 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 9th 11:23 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of 24th 11:44 a.m.
Battery 1200 block of Chelsea 11:48 a.m.
Fraud 1300 block of Euclid 11:48 a.m.
Grand theft 2100 block of Colorado 11:52 a.m.
Fraud 200 block of San Vicente 12:08 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Lincoln 1:13 p.m.
Petty theft 3000 block of Wilshire 1:30 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/Montana 1:51 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block of Euclid 2 p.m.
Grand theft 2900 block of 4th 2:08 p.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of Berkeley 2:36 p.m.
Hit and run 4th/Wilshire 2:54 p.m.
Hit and run 6th/Wilshire 3:06 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 4th 3:25 p.m.
Grand theft auto 100 block of San Vicente 3:53 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:46 p.m.
Assault 200 block of Santa Monica 4:54 p.m.
Petty theft 2900 block of Main 4:56 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of Euclid 5:15 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 15th 5:17 p.m.
Vandalism 1800 block of 11th 5:22 p.m.
Identity theft 200 block of San Vicente 5:44 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield/Pico 5:53 p.m.
Petty theft 3200 block of Wilshire 6:16 p.m.
Panhandling Lincoln/Interstate 10 6:26 p.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of 3rd 7:16 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Santa Monica 7:58 p.m.
Vandalism 2500 block of Pico 8 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block of Euclid 8:38 p.m.
Missing person 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 9:40 p.m.
Bike theft 2nd/Colorado 11:30 p.m.
Person with a gun 2nd/Broadway 11:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 30 calls for service on April 30.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS 3000 block of Colorado 12:47 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Kansas 1:03 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 3:39 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Lincoln 9:17 a.m.
EMS 11th/Montana 9:19 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Wilshire 10:06 a.m.
EMS Promenade/Santa Monica 10:10 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Ocean 10:11 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Broadway 10:13 a.m.
Vehicle fire 2000 block of 19th 10:36 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 12th 10:40 a.m.
EMS Appian/Seaside 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 11:05 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 15th 11:09 a.m.
EMS Main/Olympic 11:34 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 11:49 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Ocean 12:01 p.m.
EMS 26th/Colorado 12:58 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Palisades Beach 1:38 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Lincoln 2:42 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 400 block of Santa Monica 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 6th 2:56 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Ocean 3:18 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 19th 4:47 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 5:26 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Euclid 6:06 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Ocean Park 7:24 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Olympic 10:50 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 11:22 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 11:40 p.m.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Rum cakes
6 Drive
11 Spiny plant
12 Ingenuous
13 Scout's work
14 Intense fear
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17 Attach a patch
19 Receipt addition
20 Diet no-no
23 Barcelona's region
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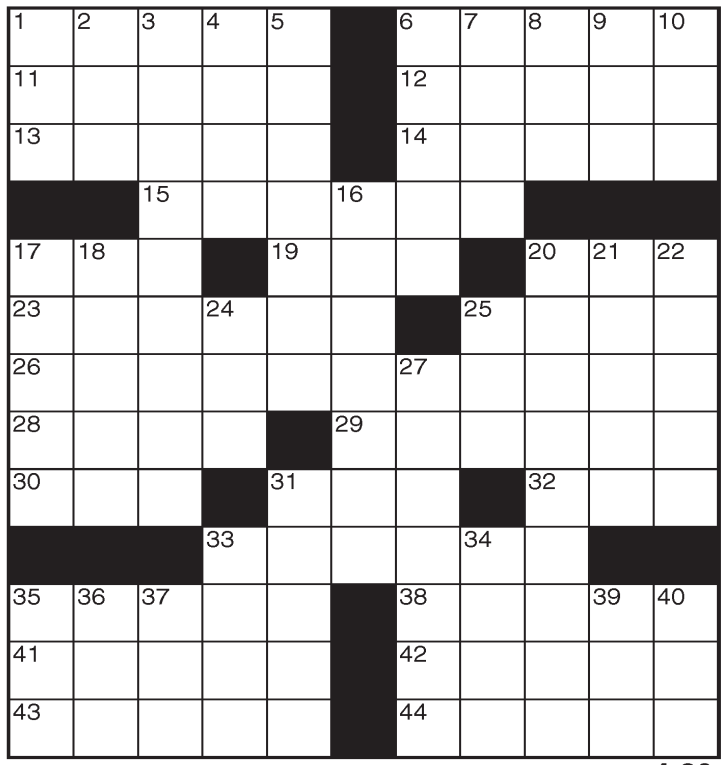
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4 Stratford's river
5 Capitol worker
6 Almanac section
7 The Red Planet
8 Kind of chart
9 Longoria of TV
10 Went ahead
16 Director Gus
17 Cut, in a way
18 Make blank
20 Whiskey, in slang
21 The Jetsons' dog
22 Refinement
24 Berlin lang.
25 High hit
27 Satisfies
31 Playful mammal
33 Formerly
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35 Member of the force
36 Shade
37 Leaf lifter
39 Stop — dime
40 Snooze

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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1 AND 2! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



4-30

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Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	6	2	5	8	7	9	1	4
9	1	7	6	2	4	5	8	3
8	5	4	3	1	9	7	6	2
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL Draw Date: 4/25
21 33 35 38 45
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 60M

MEGA MILLIONS Draw Date: 4/28
22 27 55 58 63
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 96M

SUPER LOTTO Draw Date: 4/25
4 10 15 40 47
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 29M

Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 4/28
7 15 17 25 33

DAILY 3 Draw Date: 4/28
MIDDAY: 0 7 5
Draw Date: 4/28
EVENING: 1 9 6

DAILY DERBY Draw Date: 4/28
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:41.27

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WORD UP!

cacophonous
1. having a harsh or discordant sound.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1863 – A 65-man French Foreign Legion infantry patrol fights a force of nearly 2,000 Mexican soldiers to nearly the last man in Hacienda Camarón, Mexico.

1871 – The Camp Grant massacre takes place in Arizona Territory.

1885 – Governor of New York David B. Hill signs legislation creating the Niagara Reservation, New York's first state park, ensuring that Niagara Falls will not be devoted solely to industrial and commercial use.

1894 – Coxey's Army reaches Washington, D.C. to protest the unemployment caused by the Panic of 1893.

1900 – Hawaii becomes a territory of the United States, with Sanford B. Dole as governor.

1900 – Casey Jones dies in a train wreck in Vaughan, Mississippi, while trying to make up time on the Cannonball Express.

1904 – The Louisiana Purchase Exposition World's Fair opens in St. Louis, Missouri.

1907 – Honolulu, Hawaii becomes an independent city.

1920 – Peru becomes a signatory to the Buenos Aires copyright treaty.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Police in Malegaon, India, seeking to reduce tensions between Muslims and Hindus over the theft and butchering of cattle (which the latter hold sacred), requested that local farmers send them "mugshots" of their cows, along with other biographical information, such as why the farmer has the cow in the first place, so they could build a database to improve bovine security.

■ Tough Love: A Catholic priest (unnamed in news reports) in Taranto, Italy, was removed recently after reports that, while attempting to minister to an unemployed laborer, he arranged for online role-playing in which the man was Judas and the priest dispatched him to gay orgies to be punished (for betraying Jesus) by members of the Vatican security force.

■ Paulo Silva, 51, facing bestiality charges in April in Framingham (Massachusetts) District Court, insisted that the charges be reduced to only attempted larceny. Yes, he was caught fondling the male purebred pit bull, but he had no sexual motivation, his lawyer explained. Actually, he said a friend of Silva's owned a female pit bull and Silva had asked the male's owner if the two dogs could mate, but when the owner declined, Silva said he was simply trying to collect the sperm himself. Judge Jennifer Stark was unmoved and set the case for trial.

Be romantic tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You will be more subtle and practical in the morning; however, by the afternoon you'll be quick-witted and direct. Nevertheless, communication will soar way beyond your expectations. Be careful about how you display your humor. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Applying your thoughts could be challenging, but it will be worthwhile. You are overly serious and directed. Take time to focus your attention on the immediate issues; you do not need to discuss them yet. Your finances need to be scrutinized. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Express your caring to others. A partner might be very serious and withdrawn. You can choose to be warm and expressive. A token of affection will go a long way with this person. Your mind will work overtime and allow many new possibilities. Tonight: Be romantic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Express your thoughts, and count on being heard. Your focus might be on a domestic matter, regardless of whether you want it to be. You'll need to clear up this matter quickly, as it has become a source of tremendous stress. Tonight: Homeward bound.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ No matter what you do, you will get ahead and accomplish your fair share of the work. You need to maintain your focus. Communication excels to an unprecedented level. Allow your imagination to emerge more often; don't hold back so much. Tonight: Chat the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer. You often want to back away and do a project your way. At those moments, you might not feel like a team player, as your concerns will be elsewhere. Consider spending some time with a family member. Tonight: Make it your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You beam, and others respond to your energy. Try to complete a conversation revolving around a key matter more carefully than usual. You could be slightly out of sync. Fatigue is likely to force you to take some time to yourself. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You know when to withdraw and when to come forward. Please use that knowledge today. You often question the pros and cons of a personal situation that keeps causing you pain. Understand that you don't have to be so closed-off emotionally. Tonight: Think before you leap.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize what is important to you, especially in a meeting. You have been rather quiet as of late, and you'll need to be more expressive. Others will respond, especially as you have been so taciturn. They appreciate this change more than you realize. Tonight: Hang with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Others observe your actions, and many naturally follow your lead. This nearly automatic behavior testifies to your sound judgment and strong decision-making skills. A conversation is likely to occur later today, when you are relaxed. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You will gain a different perspective as a result. A friend who has been rather withdrawn could be opening up. Use care in how you approach this person. Romance heats up for those who are unattached. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. One-on-one relating will reveal a whole new set of facts and emotions that you previously had not even considered. A respected person in your life might say little, but you'll like what he or she does say. Tonight: Togetherness works.

Thursday, April 30, 2015

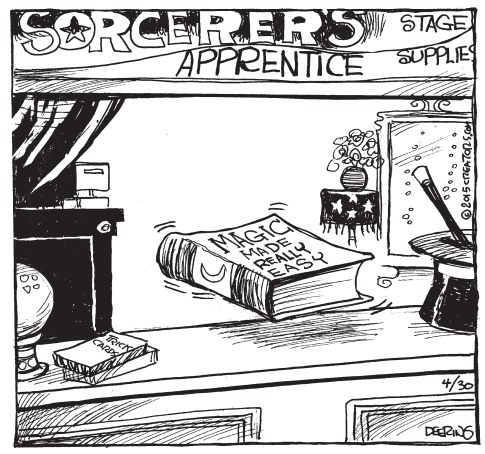
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you are more balanced and sensitive than you have been in a long time. Your approach and demeanor will be more gentle, sensitive and caring. You will see a difference in how others respond to you as well. Your presence counts. If you are single, romance knocks on your door in the second part of your birthday year. You will know almost instantly when you have met this person. If you are attached, the two of you discuss finances often, with an eye to creating greater security and better quality of life. Romance is always present between you. LIBRA understands much more than he or she lets on.

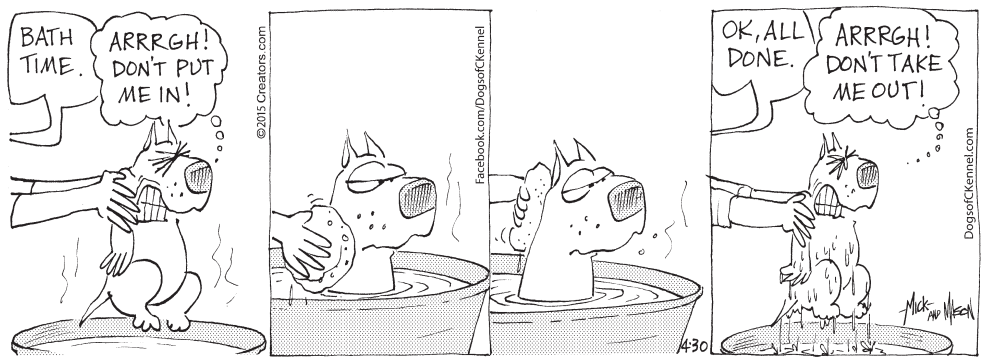
Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



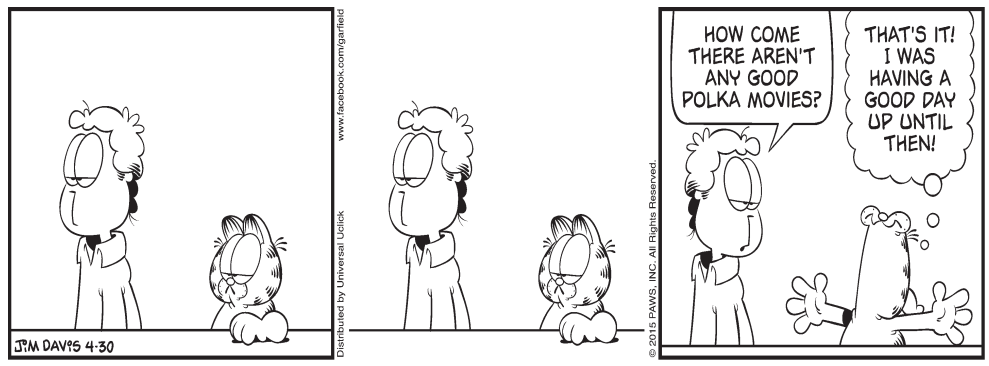
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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Each Thursday, 'ii's on Entertainment' touts purpose-driven projects

Production: Shake well before you get served

By Andrew Shane Walters

You like to boogie, don't you? Hips don't lie. Or do they? Either way, check out the 14th annual Dance Camera West Festival (DCW), "a nonprofit dedicated to promoting and developing the vibrant art of dance."

Recognized by the city of Los Angeles as one of the best festivals to illuminate the art of dance, DCW, ahem, kicks off today with screenings running through Tuesday, May 5.

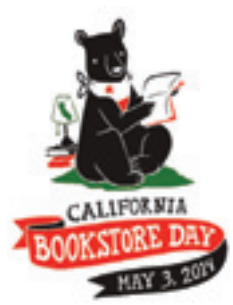


Stretched across nine different venues, (including the Crest and Aero theaters) the DCW will get you shaking your money maker.

Visit *dancecamerawest.org* for more information Then hit the free, fourth annual Dance-A-Long on Tuesday.

Shake before serving.

Publication: Word up! It's Bookstore Day



Back by popular demand, this Sunday marks the California Bookstore Day. Shimmy over to Diesel Bookstore in Brentwood Country Mart for a scavenger hunt and enter a photo in their Instagram contest. Make sure to use "#dieselbrentwood" when uploading.

You might even find a rad book on dance. Books and dance, what more do you need in your life?

Maybe a performance ...



Performance: *Diavolo*

So you think you can dance ... but can you defy gravity? Me neither, although it would likely impress you if I could. This week, check out *Diavolo*, a show that incorporates physically stunning movement with lyrical content and large architectural objects.

Mind, prepare to be blown.

See *thebroadstage.com*.

If you *Giive a (bleep)*, let us know @GIIVE.ORG/CONTACT-US/

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